

SPRIT OF FRENCH IS FINE, HE SAYS

Paul Dike, Now Lieutenant in Signal Corps, Writes of Life in Paris.

U. S. POPULAR THERE
American Soldiers Making Good Impression—More Men Expected Soon.

"The spirit of the French people seems fine, though what it might have been if the United States had not come in when it did is a matter of question. I am thankful we delayed no longer. Americans are very much in favor here and one sees almost as many American flags flying as French, even in the great procession of French troops on the 14th of July."

This extract from a letter from Paul Dike, formerly a member of the University of Missouri faculty, to Dr. O. M. Stewart, professor in physics in the University, gives the first-hand impression of an American as to the present condition and morale of our French allies. Professor Dike wrote from Paris August 28, after having finally taken up residence there with his family. They reached Paris after a long journey overland from Constantinople, where Professor Dike went two years ago to take the chair of physics in Robert College. The unsettled conditions during the war led the family to go to Paris, where they would be among friends.

"Our soldiers have made a very good impression so far," Professor Dike continues, "and seem to have behaved themselves. We hope to see many more soon. I have seen one or two Columbia boys, one of them here in this building with the medical staff."

Professor Dike is now a lieutenant in the Signal Corps of the United States Reserve Corps at Paris. He has been assigned to duty in the research laboratory which is to soon be started there. According to Mr. Dike, he expects to be established permanently in the French capital, except when he may be sent to the front to test out apparatus in the field. The radio will make up a big part of the work of the laboratory. Professor Dike speaks highly of the work done by French scientists during the war.

"We left Constantinople in May, as soon as possible after the break of relations," the letter reads, "not caring to take the risk of disease and famine there. We personally did not suffer, but it was distressing to see the misery everywhere. We had a very comfortable trip through Austria by special sleeper to Switzerland, where we stayed a few weeks resting and sight-seeing before coming on to France. We arrived at Paris in June."

Professor Dike did some work for the Y. M. C. A. and applied for a position in the engineering division of the Red Cross, but received his appointment in the reserve corps before this new department of the Red Cross was opened.

"Paris is wonderfully interesting these days," Mr. Dike writes, "and it is beautiful still in spite of three years of war. We are all none the worse for our experiences and would not have missed our stay in Turkey for a good deal. We are going back after the war if possible and try living there in times of peace."

CITY AND CAMPUS

N. P. Nichols is in St. Louis on a business trip.

E. R. Childers has gone to Troy to visit his parents.

Mrs. Sallie Benton is visiting Mrs. James Brundridge in Sturgeon.

Andrew J. Rumain is visiting his son, Price, in Hannibal.

Mrs. Ella B. Elkin underwent an operation at Parker Memorial Hospital Thursday. Her condition was improved yesterday.

Miss Florence Caton of Boston has arrived to begin her work as assistant in the department of home economics at the University.

Mrs. Gordon Bish and daughter, Miss Ethel Bish of Los Angeles left yesterday after visiting for three weeks with Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. C. V. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hudson went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the week-end.

Mrs. C. L. McWalter of Los Angeles, Cal. left yesterday for Leavenworth, Kan., where she will visit a few days before returning to her home.

Miss Edna DonCarlos went to Halls-ville yesterday to visit for a few days.

G. B. Shwets went to his home in Moscow yesterday to report for service in the draft army.

Mrs. G. H. Parrish and children left yesterday for their home in Salt Lake City.

Miss Sallie Bedford went to Halls-ville yesterday to visit Mrs. James Brundge.

Miss Theodosia McIntosh went to Montgomery City yesterday, after visiting friends here.

Mrs. Everette Buckler and her son, Buell, went to Hallsville this morning.

Miss Mary Margaret McBride, who has been spending her vacation at her home in Paris, returned to Columbia yesterday.

Curtis A. Betts, political writer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, left yesterday for St. Louis after visiting here.

SHARK GETS U-BOAT VICTIM

Survivors of Torpedoed Steamer Mongolia Arrive in Port.

By Associated Press
SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 15.—Survivors of the sinking of the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamship Mongolia by a German mine off Bombay on June 23 have arrived here with further details of the disaster, which cost the lives of about twenty white persons and Lascars. The survivors' stories indicate that the mine was one placed by the German raider Wolff. The Mongolia sank within twenty minutes, in water so shallow that the tips of the masts remained unsubmerged.

Australians on the vessel included Brigadier General Sir Robert McC. Anderson and Lady Anderson of Sydney, Major Norman Robertson and Mrs. Robertson of Sydney and Justice Rooth of Western Australia. General Anderson had been on military duty in England and Major Robertson in Egypt. They agreed that had the Mongolia struck the mine at night instead of at mid-day, the loss of life would have been heavier.

"The wireless apparatus was shattered by the explosion and we were helpless," said Sir Robert. "Although the lifeboats had everything aboard—biscuits and water—demanded by the board of trade regulations, if we had been unlucky enough to have been out for some days there would have been a greater number of deaths."

"There were two deaths in my boat. One of these was from burns. Lifeboats should be equipped with a hospital chest and first-aid outfit, and I think a proportion should be fitted with engines. With ordinary lifeboats it is not always possible to reach a man in time. We had one poor chap taken by a shark."

"When we took our places where our lifeboat should have been," said Mrs. Robertson, "there was none. It had not been launched because its crew had been killed in the engine-room. Some passengers and others tried to launch it, but were driven off by escaping steam, which was worse than the explosion. The captain called to us to get into another boat. As three of the men were getting into this boat their fingers were caught in a block and taken off. In entering the boat someone knocked out the rudder and sail, so there was nothing for us to do but drift about. Then a monsoon sprang up and there were fifty-one of us in a boat intended to hold forty-six. After having drifted ten hours we managed to attract the attention of a coolie boat by hoisting a woman's white undershirt flag-wise on an oar."

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If you did not get to our Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, then we will bring a select portion of it to you, is the slogan of J. N. Walling, who was in this city yesterday making arrangements for this remarkable train from California to visit Columbia for three days next week.

This exposition consists of two cars of exhibits from the Golden State, showing everything from a baby ostrich to the famous big trees, and a lecture room in the baggage car, where a continuous series of beautifully colored slides are shown by an automatic stereopticon machine.

Immense crowds have visited this train in other towns of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, and it would be well for all who can to visit the cars on the first day in order to avoid the crush that is sure to follow on the next day.

The cars will arrive at 7 a. m. Tuesday morning, and will be parked on the Wabash tracks near the passenger depot, where they will be open to the public from 10 a. m. till 10 p. m. An admission of 10 cents takes you through all the cars.

FORT SILL A BUSY PLACE

About 6,000 Carpenters and Laborers Busy There.

By Associated Press
CAMP DONIPHAN, Fort Sill, Okla., Sept. 15.—Between 5,000 and 6,000 carpenters and laborers are wielding saw and hammer with a rapidity that, from hour to hour, brings startling changes in the skyline of this mushroom city at which 20,000 Missouri and Kansas national guardsmen are to be trained for the part they will play in the war.

Camp Doniphan proper is located on a rolling elevation—as pretty a spot as the beautiful prairie and woodlands of the county's largest military reservation affords. The buildings, erected in the form of a horseshoe, with about one and one-half miles between the points, are rapidly nearing completion and soon will be ready for occupancy. Within a few days work will be started on the target ranges where will be conducted the guardsmen's school of fire.

Workmen have just started the erection of the new base hospital to cost \$500,000. It will be located adjacent to the old base hospital and will be completed within three weeks. The regimental infirmary also on this spot will be completed within the same brief period.

Along the numerous spurs and side-tracks immense warehouses, almost complete, soon will be ready for the storing and handling of the immense

supplies necessary for such a large army of men.

An idea of the task of erecting \$2,500,000 worth of buildings in record time may be gleaned from the following figures:

Between 5,000 and 6,000 men are at work on the reservation daily. Of this number from 200 to 400 are employed or discharged each day. One week's payroll aggregated \$125,000. Wages range from 75 cents per hour for plumbers to 35 cents per hour for ordinary laborers. Carpenters receive 60 cents per hour and roofers 50 cents. No trouble has been experienced in securing labor.

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